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SUBJECT: ANDREOTTI VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. BELIEVE YOU WILL BE INTERESTED IN UGO STILLE'S  
EVALUATION OF ANDREOTTI'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON WHICH APPEARED IN  
CORRIERE JUNE 4.

2. STILLE BEGINS BY SAYING THAT THE WHITE HOUSE'S OPTIMISM  
ABOUT ITALY'S FUTURE, WHICH CAME THROUGH CLEARLY IN THE  
PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS WITH ANDREOTTI, WAS BASED ON A  
REEXAMINATION OF THE ITALIAN PROBLEM. WHITE HOUSE SOURCES  
REPORTEDLY UNDERLINED THREE POINTS: A) FIRMNESS WITH WHICH  
ITALIAN DEMOCRACY HAS REACTED TO POLITICAL TERRORISM; B)  
DESPITE WIDESPREAD FEARS IN WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS YEAR,  
ITALY NOW PRESENTS A PICTURE OF "NOTABLE 'POLITICAL STABILITY'  
AND THE FORMULA OF GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED IN MARCH IS THE RIGHT  
ONE TO GUARANTEE THE MAINTENANCE OF (THAT) STABILITY."  
C) ITALY'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1978  
HAS BEEN BETTER THAN EXPECTED PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE  
TO THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND THE STRENGTH OF THE LIRA.

3. FROM THE ABOVE THREE POINTS THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS  
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ALLEGEDLY DRAWN TWO CONCLUSIONS: FIRST, "POLITICALLY, IT IS  
NECESSARY 'TO AVOID' ANY MORE THAT COULD DISTURB THE  
EXISTING EQUILIBRIUM." IN THIS CONTEXT, THE CARTER-ANDREOTTI  
MEETING WAS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT REAFFIRMED WASHINGTON'S  
FAITH (FIDUCIA) IN ANDREOTTI AND INDICATED "ACCEPTANCE BY THE  
WHITE HOUSE OF THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT FORMULA....THE  
PREVAILING IMPRESSION TODAY IS THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE

COUNCIL...SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING CARTER WITH EQUAL SUCCESS  
(AS HE DID LAST YEAR) OF THE POSITIVE VALIDITY OF THE FORMULA  
LAUNCHED IN MARCH."  
THE SECOND CONCLUSION RESULTED IN A SERIES OF INSTRUCTIONS  
BY THE PRESIDENT TO VARIOUS AGENCIES OF THE USG TO EXAMINE  
ALL POSSIBLE MEANS BY WHICH THE USG CAN CONTRIBUTE TO ITALY'S  
PROGRAMS FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY, A SUBJECT THAT WILL BE EXAMINED  
AGAIN WHEN THE PRESIDENT MEETS WITH ANDREOTTI IN BONN IN JULY.  
IN ADDITION SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE EXAMINED WITH  
AMBASSADOR GARDNER DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON.HOLMES

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